

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CITY OF WESTLAND POLICE AND FIRE  
SYSTEM,

No. C 11-02369 SI

Plaintiff,

**ORDER REGARDING DISCOVERY  
DISPUTE**

v.

STUMPF, et al.,

Defendants.

On November 12, 2012, plaintiff filed a letter brief requesting that the Court amend its Standing Order requiring parties to submit a joint 5-page letter brief to the Court to resolve any discovery disputes. Plaintiff and defendants agree to a new format of separate three-page briefs with three exhibits and three days for a response. However, the parties cannot agree whether they must jointly agree to the alternative format before using it, or if they may use it for any discovery dispute.<sup>1</sup>

The Court greatly prefers the method outlined in its Standing Order. However, the Court recognizes the difficulty in some disputes of filing a joint letter confined to only five pages. Therefore, the Court **ORDERS** that if the parties are unable to submit a joint letter brief, they may file separate three-page briefs with three exhibits, and three days are permitted for a response. The parties need not jointly agree to using the alternative format before doing so. This resolves Docket No. 125.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: November 19, 2012



SUSAN ILLSTON  
United States District Judge

<sup>1</sup> Thus far there has been no dispute about the shape of the table.